S.No.	States	Number of persons involved in handloom industry
23.	Punjab	13160
24.	Rajasthan	71915
25.	Sikkim	1228
26.	Tamil Nadu	607675
27.	Tripura	291761
28.	Uttar Pradesh	401362
29.	Uttranchal	19322
30.	West Bengal	686254
	TOTAL:	6551354

NOTE: Source: Handloom Census 1995-96.

Curtailing the Textiles Quota of Indian Exporters by the U.S.

1808. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. is contemplating to curtail textiles quota of Indian exporters; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to restore the quota of the Indian exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. (b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Competitors in Textile Exports

1809. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and China are the main competitors in textile exports;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to help Indian Textile exporters and make them competitive with their neighbours; and